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MUST NOW REDOUBLE DEMAND FOR AT LEAST 80c

FOREIGN AFFAIRS FEATURE HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATE

Return to Long Abandoned Policy
of Collective Security Stressed
by Some Members

WHEAT MINIMUM ISSUE

Second Reading Will Bring Strong
Pressure From Western Mem-
bers in House

By M. McDougall
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, April 5th.—The discussion on foreign affairs that has taken place in the House of Commons has been one of the most vital and absorbing debates that have been heard in Parliament for several years. It has occurred while world horizons have been very dark; all speeches delivered in this atmosphere have been extremely earnest.

Beginning with Prime Minister King's statement on the Government's foreign policy, the majority of the speeches have been in agreement on some essential points. There has naturally been unanimous disapproval and mistrust of the actions of Hitler. It has been agreed that Parliament would decide the question of Canada's active participation in war if it should arise.

Members of all parties have expressed the conviction that conscription should not be imposed on Canadians for foreign service. Conscription in the last war, several members stated, caused bitterness and stirred up racial antagonism, the results of which are still being felt. It also brought only a limited number of additional men to the colors.

Lapointe's View

Some members stated, among them Mr. Lapointe, Minister of Justice, that looking at the question from a realistic point of view, it would be impossible for Canada to remain neutral if Britain were at war. A declaration of neutrality, said Mr. Lapointe, would mean that Canada would have to close its ports to all armed vessels including armed merchantmen. The citizens of Quebec would have to close their port to the Empress of Britain during a war and would have to fight if she attempted to come in against their will. Docking treaties with Britain would have to be cancelled. If British sailors or soldiers landed in Halifax or Vancouver they would have to be interned. In case of trouble, said Mr. Lapointe, Canada could not be an oasis, surrounded by troubles which she alone could escape. In conditions as they exist today Can- (Continued on page 5)

LONDON, April 5th.—Official denial was issued of a statement of Lord Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty, that anti-aircraft guns were being manned in readiness for "anything that might happen." Mr. Chamberlain explained later that this was normal practice in times of tension.

Your Help Is Needed!

Are you satisfied with the Ottawa Government's announced intention to peg the price of wheat of the 1939-40 crop season at the ruinously low figure of 60 cents, One Northern, basis Fort William, and virtually to destroy the Wheat Board, by an amendment of the Wheat Board Act depriving it of its main function?

If not, it will be necessary for you to redouble your demands to Ottawa. Write your individual letter, or, if you have not already done so, sign the petition published in the last two issues of *The Western Farm Leader*.

Thousands have protested at farmers' meetings held throughout this and the other Prairie Provinces. The *Leader's* own records of mail received since we published the petition show that several thousands have written individual letters to Ottawa or have signed the petition. Many who have not written us have, we know, taken action and advised the Ottawa Government of their views.

But the *Leader* has still to have word from many others of its readers. If you have not written as yet, write today, and drop a short note to the *Leader* to say you have done so. Your co-operation with us in the cause of Western agriculture will be highly valued.

We print below extracts from letters by which the *Leader* office has been deluged since our last issue went to press.

W. NORMAN SMITH, *Editor*.

price of 80 cents. I attached this petition to the draft letter from *The Western Farm Leader* and forwarded it to Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Ottawa.—R. M. Clark, Alberta Wheat Pool, Waskatenau, Alta.

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Innisfail Farmer Gets 331 Signatures

"Have sent protest re 60 cent minimum for wheat to Prime Minister, signed by 331 persons." R. J. Crispin, Innisfail.

"Leader" Petition Used at Rallies

"I passed on copies of *The Western Farm Leader* to people around Wetaskiwin who were not getting it. They all promised to send the letter re Wheat Board and 80c minimum which you printed in the paper with their own name and several others to Ottawa. The same resolution was endorsed at the Ponoka rally and at the U.F.A. meeting held in Hillside."—William Runte, Wetaskiwin.

182 Signatures from Castor

"I sent in a letter to Hon. J. G. Gardiner yesterday with 86 signatures on it."—H. H. Turner, Castor. Another 96 were sent to Ottawa by Mr. Turner, recently.

Gets 95 Signatures

"A petition for a 80 cent Wheat Board was sent in to Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa, with 95 signatures from here. There was a good turn out here to a mass meeting called for the above. We wish your paper every success for the good work you are carrying on for western agriculture."—J. Ganzeveld, Buffalo Lake.

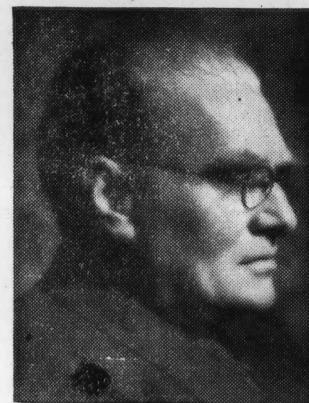
Seventy-eight Sign

"Forwarded 78 signatures to Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, for Wheat Board and the minimum of not less than 80 cents a bushel pegged price."—Wm. Burmey, Bonanza.

Used "Leader" Petition

"I wish to inform you that on Saturday, March 18th, I received a petition containing 30 names from farmers in the district asking for a continuance of the Wheat Board with a guaranteed

U.F.A. Commends Policy



Leonard W. Brockington, K.C., Chairman of the C.B.C., whose determination to maintain genuine freedom of speech on the air was commended by the U.F.A. Executive meeting in Calgary last week. Mr. Brockington recently presented a comprehensive statement to Parliament on the origins, growth, present position, problems and possibilities of the national broadcasting system. A limited number of copies of this statement may be obtained from *The Western Farm Leader* on application. Applicants should enclose 3 cents for postage.

The McCullagh incident is closed, according to a statement issued jointly, on Tuesday, by Mr. Brockington and Mr. McCullagh.

REPRESENTATION ON SPECIAL AREA BOARD IS SOUGHT

Municipal Units North of Red Deer River Want Share Responsibility

DELEGATES HOLD MEETING

Series of Important Recomme-
dations to Alberta Government
at Chinook Gathering

Meeting in Chinook last Saturday, delegates elected and representing the municipal units of the Special Area north of the Red Deer river adopted resolutions which were forwarded to the Alberta Government, urging:

1. That provision be made for election of committeemen in each division of the Special Area;

2. That the elected committeemen be authorized to elect one man from each division to form an advisory board to share the responsibility of administrative work with the Special Area Board, the advisory board to be permitted to nominate certain members to the S. P. Board.

3. That farm buildings taken over by the S. P. Board be held for sale to local people, and that "good buildings on suitable sites where abundance of water is available, with suitable grazing land adjacent, be not sold, but held for sites on which to place settlers moved from less suitable locations in the area."

4. That S. P. Board provide for voluntary exchange of lands between settlers and Board, looking to establishment of small communities where settlement would be so placed as to make available to each settler school, water, grazing and suitable land for production of feed.

5. That policy of water conservation in co-operation with P.F.R.A. be pursued; that Board make available small power pumps for use of settlers for irrigation.

6. That a municipal office be maintained in each of larger municipal units.

7. That ratepayers' meeting be held in every larger division every year in July, and suitable auditor's statement covering all monies collected and disbursed in division be presented and published in paper with local circulation.

8. That Government by utilizing modern machinery regrade roads at low cost, this serving also in providing fireguards, maintenance to be done by settlers if possible and applied on taxes or arrears.

9. That tax arrears be adjusted downward on application of owner of land on basis of his ability to pay.

Meeting also called for an effective Wheat Board with 80 cent minimum for One Northern, basis Fort William.

Committee consisting of E. D. Blaine, J. A. Cameron, D. H. Smith and F. W. Edler (secretary) was appointed to call future meetings when desirable.

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Urge Investigation Into Prices of Farm Machinery

EDMONTON — An investigation into the price of farm machinery was urged upon the Government last week in a resolution moved by J. A. Wingblade (Wetaskiwin) and seconded by C. H. Tade (Athabasca). I. M. McCune (Gleichen) spoke briefly in support when the House returned to the resolution a couple of days later.

The gist of Mr. Wingblade's argument was that the high cost of imple-

ments is a material factor in farm debts; and of Mr. Tade's that lower prices would enrich everyone, farmers and everyone else.

The Dominion Government is asked to co-operate in cancelling \$735,000 agricultural advances between 1918 and 1922 in a resolution moved in the Assembly by Mrs. Edith Rogers (Ponoka). The debt is due jointly to Dominion and Province and consists of \$375,000 principal and \$360,000 interest. Seconder of the resolution was I. M. McCune (Gleichen).

For a Quarter of a Century

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FARMERS CALL FOR 80c MINIMUM

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Seventy Sign at Edgerton

"I have sent petition re Wheat Board and fixed wheat price as per your suggestion last issue of the *Western Farm Leader*, by airmail, petition signed by about 70 people." — Olaf Monsson, Edgerton.

Twenty-two Names

"I sent in twenty-two names to J. G. Gardiner of people who signed the form printed in your paper of March 7th." — John Young, Bindloss.

What Every Canadian Should Do

"I have done what I hope every good level-headed Canadian should do, i.e., write to the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa in support of the Wheat Board and the minimum price." — L. E. Evans, Acme.

Word of Appreciation

"Just a word of appreciation for what you are doing through your paper, re the set price on wheat. I sincerely hope a large number of our farmers will take your timely advice and write or wire the Minister of Agriculture. I am enclosing a copy of my letter mailed to Ottawa today. I am also enclosing \$1.00 for a year's subscription to your paper." — Fred E. Johnson, Three Hills.

Mr. Johnson's letter sets forth in part that "in view of the unreasonably high prices we are forced to pay for farm machinery less than 60c to the producer will force a great many farmers either on relief or into the hands of the receiver."

62 Sign "Leader" Petition

"Just a line to let you know we sent a petition out of your *Leader* per air mail yesterday to Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa, signed by 62. Lack of time and bad roads prevented from being signed by hundreds at least. It may interest you to know that the business people, professional people in all our local towns and villages are one hundred per cent as well as the farmers behind the policy in your printed petition. Others around Waspit, Brighton, Riverland, White Mud Creek and Northern Moose are getting petitions signed in their respective localities." — Wm. Nixon, Northbank.

"Just sending a letter by air mail with 31 names on it." — J. T. Sand, Edberg.

"In respond to your request I have sent a letter to Hon. J. G. Gardiner, in Ottawa, with the signatures of 35 neighbors of mine from this district." — Tom Kokotailo, Willingdon.

Signed by 80

"Today I sent a petition to Ottawa following the lines of your resolution, signed by eighty people of the Rosebud district. We thank you for your good work in this problem and wish you all success in your paper." — P. A. Comstock, Sec.-Treas., Rosebud Valley U.F.A. Local, Rosebud, Alta.

British Columbians

"Petition bearing 46 signatures from vicinities of Bay Tree, Alta., and Briar Ridge, B.C., sent, asking Minister of Agriculture the retention of the Wheat Board and the 80c peg." — M. J. Verboski, Bay Tree.

"The printed letter was sent to the Minister of Agriculture signed by four." — A. Wegner, W. MacArthur, W. Hanson, and A. S. MacArthur, R.R.1, Fairview, Alta.

Sixty-five Signatures

"I cut out the printed petition in your last issue and sent it to Ottawa with 64 signatures." — Mrs. J. E. Brockelsby, Scandia.

"Enclosed find one dollar for renewal subscription. . . . also to say that I sent a petition from your paper to Ottawa with 17 names on and to say that I like your paper very much." — Joe Ashworth, Deadwood.

128 Signatures

"Am forwarding today by air mail 128 signatures to your draft letter to the Wheat Board and pegget price of at least 80c per bus. at Fort William." — R. C. Miles, Box 5, Bentley.

"I sent printed form on front page of paper with 15 names attached to Ottawa, also a letter giving Mr. Gardiner our views of the wheat problem. We appreciate your efforts on our behalf and hope your influence will cause every man and woman in Western Canada to take up the cause and get into the fight for justice for the West." — James Cardy, Atlee.

Commends Aggressive Action

"I have just mailed my request to Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa, asking a continuation of Wheat Board and guaranteed minimum price of 80c for 1939-40. You are to be highly commended for the aggressive manner in which you are attacking this momentous problem, so vital to Western agriculture. More power to you!" — H. J. Westphal, Cereal.

Need Minimum to Ensure Survival

J. H. Campbell of Box 20, Rosebud, forwarded the *Leader* a copy of his letter to Hon. J. G. Gardiner, which read:

"I take the liberty of writing you regarding the Wheat Board and price, being one of the Councillors in Municipal District No. 248. I understand the prevailing conditions in this Municipality and the adjoining districts. Unless the Wheat Board is continued and the minimum price of not less than 80 cents Fort William be maintained, we farmers are doomed, many not being able to pay taxes and purchase the required necessities of life at present. I ask your whole-hearted support and co-operation in this very important subject."

"On the 9th inst. I sent to Hon. J. G. Gardiner by air mail, a list of twelve names." — P. O. Moline, Tofield.

210 at Heisler

"A petition sponsored by the local line elevator agents here, bearing the signatures of 210 farmers of the Heisler district, has been forwarded to the Dominion Government at Ottawa, urging the continuation of the Canadian Wheat Board for the year of 1939-40 with a pegged price for wheat of not less than 80 cents per bushel for No. 1 Northern, basis Fort William, and a pegged price for oats of not less than 40 cents per bushel for 2 C.W. oats basis Fort William." — H. Hauck, Heisler, Alta.

Seventy Names

Seventy names on petition sent to Ottawa by H. E. Heath, following U.F.A. meeting Lacombe district, based on letter in *The Leader*.

One Hundred signatures were obtained by Mr. Bice of the Castor district.

Petition was sent in by the Castor Board of Trade.

Forty names were sent to Ottawa by M. G. Gudlaugson, President Clairmont Lake U.F.A. Local, Clairmont.

Sent 95 Signatures

"I have mailed petition to the Hon. J. G. Gardiner, containing 45 signatures asking for at least 80 cents per bus. No. 1 Fort William, and continuation of Wheat Board. This is the second petition I have sent in, the first dispatched some ten days ago bearing 50 signatures." — M. J. Cox, Lloydminster, Sask.

"I have sent a petition to Hon. J. G. Gardiner, signed by 8 others besides myself." — L. A. Biggott, Penhold.

EFFECTIVE WHEAT BOARD CALLED FOR

Seventy Names

"I beg to inform you that I have sent to the Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, 70 names."—Henry Martel, Falher.

"I am enclosing a copy of letter just forwarded to Hon. J. G. Gardiner on which there were 40 signatures"—L. L. Stauffer, Gage. The letter urged a guarantee of not less than 75 cents a bushel at the elevator where the farmer delivers his wheat up to 1,500 bushels.

"As soon as the petition form appeared in *The Western Farm Leader*, regarding a minimum price of eighty cents on our wheat, my husband and I signed it and mailed it to Ottawa. It surely looks as if we weren't the only ones who did so judging by the letters you have received."—Mrs. Alex Allan, Ardrossan.

"As per request in *The Western Farm Leader*, this is to let you know that I sent in Wheat petition with 5 signatures. This was sent by airmail, on March 4th."—S. E. Paulson, Bawlf.

"I have sent the petition with three names signed on it, to Hon. J. G. Gardiner."—F. B. Mundy, Evansburgh.

"We the (five) undersigned have sent a request to the Government to continue the Wheat Board and set a price of wheat at \$1.00 a bushel for the first 2,000 bushels from each farm. We also suggested an equivalent set price on all other grains."—Mrs. P. J. Naslund, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Naslund, Mr. and Mrs. B. Scott, Bashaw.

"We sent in 15 names to Mr. Gardiner in regard to the Wheat Board."—E. D. Pound, Atlee.

"We are 9-1/2 miles from Post Office and roads are bad, so are late in getting this mailed," writes J. E. B. Ferguson, Clyde, who reports sending petition with 35 names to Hon. J. G. Gardiner.

75 Names

"I have already got 75 farmers who signed the petition to the Minister of Agriculture."—S. O. Nay, Mundare.

"I have sent in 28 names to the Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa."—H. O. Barkley, Delburne.

"My husband took the petition about wheat to the Pool Elevator agent, who says there were 16 or 17 signatures when it was mailed. My own letter went separately."—Mrs. Kilpatrick, Legend.

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"In response to your request how many individual letters have been sent to Ottawa, beg to state that several have gone from our (U.F.A.) Local, 'The Sunnybank'."—G. J. Dyk, R.R.2, Westlock.

At Carseland

At a farmers rally held at Carseland on Monday of this week under the chairmanship of C. A. Phillips, the *Leader* petition for an effective Wheat Board and 80 cent minimum for One Northern, Fort William basis, as called for by the Bracken committee, was signed by those attending—39 persons. Owing to snow and rain having made the side roads in some cases impassable, many farmers were prevented from attending. President Robert Gardiner of the U.F.A., Leonard D. Nesbitt, Publicity Director of the Wheat Pool, and W. Norman Smith, Editor of *The Western Farm Leader*, addressed the meeting. The petition was sent by airmail to Ottawa.

"I have sent Hon. J. G. Gardiner the letter you had printed on the front page of your paper for March 3rd."—P. Oskar Steffensen, Irma.

"I sent request to Minister of Agriculture for continuance of Wheat Board, and same wheat price as last year."—M. Lammerth, Wayne.

"We have communicated our desire for the retention of the Wheat Board and the 80c pegged price to Ottawa."—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Conway, Mirror.

"As requested, we have forwarded to Ottawa our desires for the retention of the Wheat Board and the 80 cent pegged price for wheat."—Lionel and Kate Bengough, 120 Burnsider Road, Victoria, B.C.

Signed petition sent to Ottawa by Tom Andressen, Warrensville.

Letter sent to Ottawa by H. Hartley, Hythe.

"My brother and I have written to the Minister asking at least eighty cents, and I am also telling others about it so they will do the same."—Mrs. W. C. Hoar, Ponoka, R.R.4.

"We sent the letter to Mr. Gardiner."—G. V. Sears, Nanton.

"In answer to your radio request we sent in our names on the blank form to be sent to the Wheat Board."—Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Walker. (No post office given.)

Letter from J. A. Campbell, Box 20, Rosebud, sent to Ottawa.

"I have written our member (Acadia) also the Minister of Agriculture, asking that pegged price at least 80c be guaranteed."—C. H. Laraway, Bye-moor.

"Just to notify you that we have just sent our protest via air mail re Wheat Board and Price."—Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Kvistad, Ponoka.

"This is to advise you that I have written the Honorable J. G. Gardiner, regarding the Wheat Board and the 80c pegged price."—Fred E. Cook, Bowden.

A very strong protest against the setting of the price of wheat at anything less than 80 cents, basis One Northern, at Fort William, has been sent to the Government by J. T. Todd, whose farm is at Cluny.

We regret that a complete list of those who have written us cannot be given. Protests are still coming in as the *Leader* goes to press.

Power to Establish Public Stockyards Given by Act

EDMONTON, April 5th. — The way is prepared for establishing public stockyards in a bill passed at the session just concluded.

Answering a question by Mr. Bowlen (Lib., Calgary) the Minister said it was not "necessarily" the Government's intention to go into competition with commercial stockyards. A few minutes later he added that the Government realizes "the need for a competitive market."

Mother (after relating pathetic story)—Now, Dennis, wouldn't you like to give your bunny to that poor little boy you saw today who hadn't any father?

Dennis (clutching rabbit)—Couldn't we give him father instead?

The petition to Ottawa calling for 80 cent minimum and effective Wheat Board was signed by 190 persons in less than 24 hours at Iron Springs.

THREE SUGGESTIONS

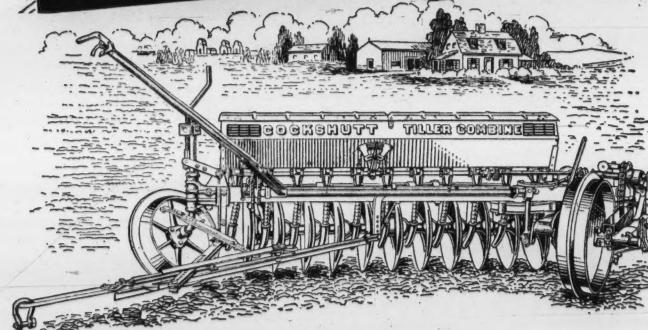
Three suggestions for Canada in the present world crisis made by J. S. Woodsworth, C.C.F. leader, in the House of Commons were: immediate prohibition of shipment of war materials to Germany and other aggressor nations; consideration of super tax on goods from Germany and other aggressor nations; and acceptance of a share of responsibility for refugees from distressed European countries.

SEND RESOLUTION

Broadview U.F.A. Local (Loyalist) and Berrywater U.F.A. Local (Vulcan) are among those who forwarded resolutions to the Federal Government asking for a pegged price of 80 cents, basis Fort William, for wheat.

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed when the Calgary U.F.W.A. held a social evening in the Labor Temple, Mrs. Norman Priestley winning first prize at bridge.

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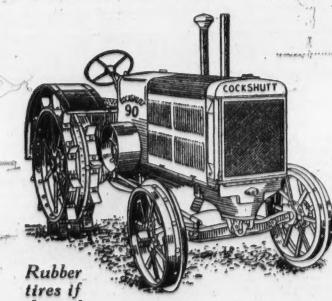


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SPEAK WITH UNITED VOICE

It is of the utmost importance that upon this issue of the Wheat Board and the pegged wheat price the farm people of Western Canada should speak with one voice.

The Bracken Wheat Committee, representative of almost every important Western interest, called for the continuance of an effective Wheat Board with powers unimpaired, and the setting of a minimum price for the season of 1939-40 of not less than 80 cents a bushel for One Northern, basis Fort William.

This decision was reached after days had been spent in examining every phase of the problem, and considering many alternative proposals. We believe that farmers who write Ottawa to express their views would be well advised to concentrate on these simple proposals.

Their one hope of securing any effective action may depend upon their so doing.

Nearly all of the thousands of farmers who have petitioned Ottawa (according to direct word received by *The Western Farm Leader* in letters from all parts of Alberta, and from Saskatchewan and British Columbia) have concentrated on these demands.

But in a few instances the suggestion is being made to the Ottawa authorities that the price should be set at a Dollar or a Dollar Ten a bushel for the first few thousand bushels produced by an individual grower, and that any additional wheat marketed shall be sold on the open market.

We believe it is unwise at this time to make these complicated proposals. Whatever their intrinsic merits may or may not be, they tend to confuse the issue. The Government which receives a multitude of differing suggestions might be inclined to ask whether the farmers themselves know what they want.

One reason why *The Western Farm Leader* published the draft letter to Ottawa was that by doing so we hoped to concentrate attention upon the simple issues of (a) an effective Wheat Board and (b) the guaranteed price of not less than 80 cents. The flood of letters which we have received indicates that in almost every case these simple issues have been kept in mind by our correspondents.

the emergency of the coming season is entirely sound), this is not the time for division. There is an old military maxim that even a badly conceived tactical plan, carried out with vigor and determination, is more likely to result in the winning of an objective than the most perfect plan will be, if it is carried out indifferently. But we think in this instance the plan is good.

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And so, once again, we appeal to all farmers who have not already done so, to make their views known to Ottawa, and to do so without delay. Even the beginning of spring work on the land need not prevent the writing of a letter or the signing of the petition.

And once again we ask you to co-operate with us by sending a brief note to *The Leader* to let us know what you have done.

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C.B.C. POLICY SUPPORTED

Mr. Brockington and Mr. McCullagh have composed their differences. They have talked things over and Mr. McCullagh has satisfied himself that the C.B.C. had no desire to treat him otherwise than with complete impartiality while the C.B.C. believes that he was actuated by a sense of public obligation.

The outcome is a happy one, and we trust that attacks on the policy of the C.B.C. from other quarters will now cease. The Executive of the U.F.A., meeting in Calgary last week, adopted the following resolution which we believe will meet with general approval:

Whereas it is vital to the effective functioning of democratic institutions that all sections of public opinion should have opportunity for expression in discussions of public questions on the chains of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation; and

Whereas such opportunities are provided by the Corporation, at no cost to the participants, through forums at which widely differing points of view may be presented; and

Whereas, the sale of radio time on the C.B.C. chains for discussion of public questions by private interests or individuals would tend to make such opportunities for discussion a monopoly of those who have the largest financial resources, thus precluding the possibility of genuine freedom of speech;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Executive of the United Farmers of Alberta expresses its strong approval of the policy now followed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in promoting radio forums, and its refusal to sell radio time for such purposes to any private interest or individual.

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In order to devote attention to what we regard as the most vital issue facing Western Canada today—the struggle for the 80 cent minimum price for wheat—it has been necessary for us to hold over important features which we had planned to provide for our readers in this issue.

There is a time for differences of opinion about details. But the middle of a crisis such as today faces the West is not the time. Even if the course proposed by the Bracken committee could be improved upon (and our judgment is that their proposal to meet

New Marketing Act Passed by Assembly

By PAUL MAARTEN

EDMONTON. — The Marketing Act passed at the recent session of the Assembly provides for the marketing of natural products.

It was opposed at the outset by Liberal members on the ground that it failed to recognize the producers' right of free marketing and that it was tied up with the Treasury branch project.

The bill can be brought into operation in "parts"—of which there are three—by proclamation or in its entirety by a single proclamation.

Safeguards against the collapse of the entire bill in the event that one or some of its clauses are found *ultra vires* are provided.

Part I constitutes marketing boards of not more than five members, for marketing schemes, sales promotions and administration.

Part II constitutes the Provincial marketing board, also of not more than five members, and empowers it to act as agent, either in buying or selling natural products or merchandise by wholesale or retail. (The Minister, Mr. Manning, has promised to consider a suggestion of Mr. Gray, leader of the Opposition, that three of these five members should be elected by the producers). The Provincial Treasurer is authorized to make loans to the Provincial board up to \$25,000.

Part III has to do with administration, including the safeguarding of the remainder of the Act in the event, as previously explained, of any of its sections being successfully attacked.

U.F.A. Suggested Amendments

That without provisions for embodying co-operative principles in the Alberta Marketing Act, "more especially the provision for the conducting of a pool for the equalization of returns," the act is "useless in so far as the farmers are concerned," was the opinion expressed by President Gardiner in behalf of the U.F.A. Executive in a memorandum presented to the Government before the bill was passed.

Provision for a Provincial Marketing Board was asked, and prescription of the Board's duties. Other provisions asked for were: that producers should be able to draw up and submit their schemes to the Provincial board; that members of a commodity board should be elected by the producers of the product to be regulated and marketed, with one member appointed by the Government on recommendation of the Provincial Board; that powers be given to the Provincial Board and where necessary to commodity boards to borrow from banks, institutions or persons, with power to commodity boards to hypothecate their commodity as security. The sum of \$25,000 which the Provincial Board may under the act borrow from the Provincial Treasurer was stated to be inadequate. Provision for reserves by Provincial and commodity boards, was asked, surplus monies not required for reserve to be distributed to producers instead of to consolidated revenue fund of Province.

General provisions to ensure that a plebiscite must be taken before any scheme can be brought into operation; and other important proposals were advanced, and it was urged that provision should be made that all monies should be deposited in an institution recognized by Dominion statute as a safe place for the deposit of trust funds.

Craigmyle U.F.A. are putting on a membership drive. E. Nelson is president and Wm. J. Smith secretary.

A joint U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Local organized recently at Rose Lynn elected Mrs. James Burns president and A. E. Strong secretary.

Federal U.F.A. Local write that they returned to their members \$120 in dividends from the Co-op. filling station.

Express Appreciation of Watson Thomson's Lectures

High appreciation of the broadcasts on international affairs given by Watson Thomson, M.A., of the staff of the Extension Department of the University of Alberta, was expressed by the U.F.A. Executive at a meeting in Calgary last week, and conveyed to President Kerr of the University, to whom hope was expressed that the lectures would be continued next year.

Dollar for Dollar Bonus Is Extended

Among features of last week's meeting of the U.F.A. Executive in Calgary, at which President Gardiner was in the chair and all members (Mrs. Malloy Berger, Messrs. Priestley, Sutherland, Church and Spencer) were present, were the following: (action re Wheat Board is described elsewhere).

Letter from Hon. T. A. Crerar advised Soldier Settlement Act amended (as asked by Convention resolution) to provide for continuance to March 31st, 1941, of dollar for dollar bonus on arrears as at March 31st, 1938. Letter suggested wide use be made of F.C.A.A. to adjust debt position of soldier settlers.

Membership for first three months of 1939 nearly double figure for corresponding period last year.

Mr. Sutherland reported on trip to Maritimes in behalf of Bracken Committee.

Agreed that if possible two delegates be sent to the Canadian Youth Congress, Mr. Hoppins and Miss Birch.

OTTAWA LETTER (Continued from page 1)

ada would come within the sphere of hostile activities. She could not hope to remain secure from attack. It was the opinion of foreign authorities and foreign governments that the Dominions could not remain neutral. An earnest appeal was made by Members to preserve the unity of Canada.

Could Bring Outlaws to Senses

Contributions to the debate from the C.C.F. party, as far at least as the leaders were concerned, did not emphasize the question of neutrality. They regretted bitterly the present condition of the cause of collective security. There was considerable criticism by Mr. Coldwell of Prime Minister Chamberlain's policy during the past year. Both Mr. Woodsworth and Mr. Coldwell urged the mobilization of moral forces in the world to curb aggression. "If the pacific nations outlaw aggressor nations," said Mr. Coldwell, "they can bring them to their sensuses. Canada although a small country can do much by indicating its stand to the British people."

It is believed that it will not be long now before Parliament receives most of the remaining bills which will, with those already introduced, cover the agricultural policy for this session. Bills relating to livestock and livestock products, to agricultural products co-operative marketing, to cattle and beef marketing, and cheese and cheese factory improvement have been promised.

The 60 Cent Peg

The bill providing for 60 cents initial payment for wheat, has been, of course, the pivotal point of discussion about Parliament Hill. With this is allied the acreage bonus bill, designed to help farmers whose crops may be destroyed or badly damaged. The abandonment of the 80 cent guarantee and the substitution of the 60 cent initial payment with participation and the acreage bonus scheme have been the object of such widespread discussion that comment here would be valueless. Without question there will be a good deal of

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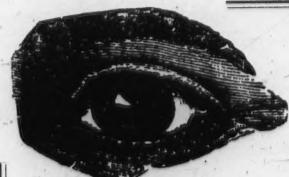
criticism from a number of Western members during the second reading of these bills. The acreage bonus plan in itself will of course find a good deal of support.

Agricultural Markets

A great question confronting the Government is how most effectively to improve our position in the agricultural markets in Europe, particularly the United Kingdom. It is hard to compete successfully with state controlled organizations of some exporting countries. It is believed that one of the main objectives of legislation being introduced this session is through the encouragement of co-operative marketing in many lines and through careful supervision of quality of products, to take better advantage of the opportunities afforded by the British market.

Particularly at this time the British are naturally favoring products of the Dominions but as some authorities have pointed out, Canadian products while improving in quality have suffered from lack of continuity of supply. There is always the danger that some improvement in trade with the United States under the new agreement might cause a slackening of interest in the British market. The tightening of grading in wheat under the amendments to the Canada Grain Act now before Parliament seems to illustrate the aim of the department at Ottawa.

In the supplementary estimates amounting to \$122,338,697, tabled at Ottawa, the appropriation under the general head of agriculture is \$5,373,230, of which \$3,250,000 is for "prairie farm rehabilitation act and water storage."



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Good Meetings at Erskine and Alix

In Mr. Morrison's Directorate two meetings were held by the C.A.D.P. last week—the first at Erskine and the second at Alix, right at the "home site" of the Alix Plant. Both proved most successful and revealed the loyalty of the membership; the meetings gave the members and President and Director and management an opportunity for useful exchange of ideas.

Pre-Season Organization Work

At Erskine Mr. J. G. Anderson was selected as chairman, with Mr. R. McCord as secretary. As at other meetings, President MacShane discussed Pool problems and prospects very fully, as did also Director Morrison; while Mr. Anderson, manager of the Alix plant, took the opportunity to speak about his branch. Pre-season organization work, he said, was al-

most completed. The plant was in excellent condition, ready for a busy season which would soon commence. General Manager Johnstone also spoke concerning the Pool's various operations and at the close of the meeting a period for questions and discussion was enjoyed.

Both shipping members and members of the staff were in attendance at the Alix meeting, which was enjoyed by all. Mr. J. Smith was chairman and Mr. H. F. Price secretary. The meeting took the same form as the one at Erskine and at its conclusion all visiting members were thanked for their coming. It was felt that much good had been accomplished by the exchange of knowledge made possible by this gathering of a substantial group of those who are all interested in promoting the success of the Pool.

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Successful meetings held during the last few weeks at important points in the wide territory served by the Central Alberta Dairy Pool have testified to the strength of the organization, the loyalty of members and shippers, and the confidence which is placed in those entrusted with responsibility for the operation of the Pool.

Frank discussion of all Pool affairs was most highly appreciated, and the meetings were characterized by enthusiasm and determination to press forward to new success. Except in cases where bad weather had made roads almost impassable, attendance was large, and even where the adverse weather conditions prevailed, it was, under the circumstances, surprisingly good and most encouraging.

Held under the chairmanship of Mr. O. Simons, an afternoon meeting at Bentley was addressed by both President George K. MacShane, and Mr. Ellis A. Johnstone, General Manager of the Pool, who also spoke in the evening at Lacombe, where Mr. Mark Armstrong, Director, acted as chairman and Mr. J. Anderson, plant manager at Alix, briefly described the excellent condition of the creamery at that point.

Views Future With Optimism

At these meetings Mr. Johnstone, candidly examining all elements in the Pool's position, spoke with optimism of the future of the Pool, explaining that the meetings were part of a series held primarily to enlarge membership. After tracing the successes of the Pool up to 1935, Mr. Johnstone explained the nature, as he saw it, of the difficulties which the Condensery had been confronted with in 1937-38. He urged one and all not only to maintain faith in their Pool, but to encourage their neighbors to throw in their lot with it, and thus help to build up a movement which he felt they all had at heart.

Mr. Johnstone pointed out that the Pool's products are finding a ready market, and that "as we proceed the market seems to be expanding enough to take care of some increased production."

Mr. MacShane, in his address, stressed the amicable feeling existing throughout the whole organization, the good done by reducing the price spread between butterfat and butter, and declared that for 15 years the organization had been instrumental in maintaining the price of butterfat throughout the whole of Central Alberta. He exhorted his listeners to do all in their power not only to hold fast to that which they have, but to continue building by way of membership until "by our very volume, overhead costs may be reduced to a minimum."

Excellent Meeting at Delburne

At Delburne on March 23rd a most successful meeting was held. Unfortunately the delegate, Mr. O. E. Johnson, was unable to attend owing to a very bad cold, and in his absence the meeting was called to order by Mr. MacShane, and on motion of Messrs. Lampert and Barkly, Mr. Golden was elected chairman, while on motion of Messrs. Barkly and R. Erwin, Mr. F. Watson was elected secretary.

Thanking all present for their loyalty in the past, Mr. MacShane expressed the opinion that as the Pool is today exerting more influence than ever before upon the price obtained for butterfat, it behaved all to see to it that this pressure be continued. This could best be done by increasing membership, which of course

would be reflected in greater volume. He concluded on a note of optimism, leaving the conviction that an increased volume could produce a very large measure of success in 1939.

Improvements at Alix

The additions and alterations made at the Alix plant were explained by Mr. Anderson, the manager, who also referred to the valuable prizes which had been won by his staff; and he voiced their desire to do even better in the coming year, pointing out that each person in the plant considered himself as a servant of the members, and was willing and anxious to give of the very best service in order to make 1939 a very successful year.

By means of charts, General Manager Johnstone showed the phenomenal growth of the business so far as the butter plants were concerned. His talk on the Condensery gave a clear insight into the obstacles that had been overcome; and although he was very careful to take very little credit for the results to himself, it was evident that this branch also is in the hands of one who will do his utmost to bring it in line with the other enterprises, and make it also a shining light in farmer-owned and controlled undertakings. This meeting was arranged by Mr. J. Wood, Director.

After a number of questions had been answered satisfactorily, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the speakers.

Enthusiasm at Erickson

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Keeton, with Mr. M. Craig as secretary, a most enthusiastic meeting was held at Erickson, where Mr. Magnus Oppel of Alhambra introduced the speakers.

Co-operation, President MacShane declared, should come from the heart.

Notice of Meetings

In the interests of the
CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY
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GADSBY—Wednesday, April 12th, 2:30 p.m. Gadsby Hall. Director J. H. Crawford.

STETTLER—Wednesday, April 12th, 8 p.m. For meeting place, look for notice on bills. Director J. H. Crawford.

SPEAKERS
In addition to the Director, Speakers will be
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ELLIS A. JOHNSTONE, Manager, C.A.D.P.

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Effect of Changes in Debt Legislation

Summary of Acts Passed at Recent Session

By Hon. J. E. BROWNLEE, K.C., LL.D.

Another session of the Legislature has now been ended, so that a review of changes in debt legislation may be of interest to readers. These changes may be summarized as follows:

1. Amendments to Statute of Limitations, 1938.

This legislation, passed in the Provincial session of 1938, provided that all debts which were incurred prior to the first of July, 1936, became outlawed on the first day of July, 1940, unless

(a) A new agreement in writing acknowledging the debt was made between the debtor and his creditor, or

(b) An action was commenced in court.

This amending Act was recently disallowed by the Dominion Government. Prior to its disallowance the mortgage companies particularly had succeeded in obtaining renewal agreements covering the greater number of their mortgages. The disallowance of the legislation simply left debtors and creditors in the same position as before the Act was passed.

The Provincial Government at this session has passed another Act amending the Statute of Limitations which follows closely the disallowed Act, excepting that the time in which the debt becomes outlawed is postponed until the First of July, 1942, or two years later. This new Act also has the effect of setting aside all renewal agreements made during the past year between debtors and creditors. This new Act is to come into effect on proclamation and as to whether or not it will be proclaimed will no doubt again depend on the attitude of the Dominion Government.

"You serve yourself best by serving others better; the reward of doing is to have done well." Mr. Anderson of the Alix plant, after describing the new equipment, urged the importance of increasing volume of cream so that last year's make might be exceeded; and he referred to the plant's success in prize-winning, which, he said, would not have been possible were it not for the fact that the majority of shippers took excellent care of their cream. Mr. Johnstone traced the history of the pool from 1925 onwards, his charts proving most interesting and valuable, indicating the increased volume manufactured and the division of profits year in and year out. Nothing but loyalty and eagerness to assist in building up the organization was shown by those attending the meeting.

At Alhambra:

Magnus Oppel, Vice-President of the Pool and also Director for the division, gave a short, inspiring speech at the opening of the meeting at Alhambra, at which Jack Kerr and Herbert Lund were elected as chair-

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2. Amendment to Judicature Act.

An amendment to the Judicature Act, passed at this session, finally and completely does away with the personal covenant in mortgages or agreements for sale. In plain language, the effect of this amendment is that if a mortgage or agreement for sale is not paid, no matter how much is owing for principal or interest, the creditor can only take back the land. He cannot obtain a deficiency judgment.

Prior to this, no deficiency judgment could be obtained without the consent of a judge, and it was only in very rare cases that a judge gave a deficiency judgment with respect to farm lands. In actual practice therefore, it is doubtful if this amendment makes any real change in the situation.

3. Amendments to Land Titles Act.

By an amendment to the Land Titles Act, the so-called "Attornment Clause" in mortgages and agreements for sale has been done away with. This is the clause which placed the purchaser or mortgagee in the fictitious position of a tenant and allowed the creditor to distrain for a share of the crop by way of rent.

The effect of this amendment will be to prevent vendors or mortgagees making a seizure of part of the crop as a rental, equivalent to the annual interest on the mortgage or agreement for sale, and its effect is simply to go one step further in forcing the creditor to look entirely to the land as security. The further practical effect will probably be to force creditors to go more quickly to the Debt Adjustment Board for permission to foreclose if annual payments as called for by the mortgage or agreement for sale are not made.

The net result of the above changes in legislation is probably to leave the situation between debtor and creditor in the Province more closely under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act on the one hand and the Provincial Debt Adjustment Act on the other, than before, and it is probable that the Provincial Debt Adjustment Board will be called upon more frequently than ever to determine disputes between debtor and creditor.

(Answers to legal questions will be found on page 13. Any paid-up subscriber may submit a question for answer in this section. The subscription to the Leader is One Dollar a year.)

man and secretary respectively. Mr. Oppel called upon Mr. MacShane, who met with a warm response when he urged united effort by all to carry the Pool forward to great achievements for the benefit of the farm people, while the addresses of Mr. Anderson of the Alix plant and General Manager Johnstone were also heard with close attention and inspired confidence. All concerned agreed that this was one of the most successful meetings ever held in the district.

A resolution calling for the continuation of an effective Wheat Board, with a minimum price of not less than 80 cents, basis One Northern Fort William, was adopted.

Wheat Board With 87½ Cent Peg Is Urged

In behalf of the Board of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, a wire in the following terms was sent to Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King in March: "Our organization, consisting of forty-five hundred farmers in Central Alberta, insist that the Wheat Board be continued with a guaranteed price for wheat not to be below 87½ cents per bushel, Fort William."

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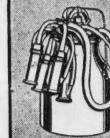
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Changes in the studios are also being accompanied by a change in the staff. The new manager, Mr. Gerke, is already placing new men in key positions and building up a capable staff to handle all divisions of the broadcasting business. Leo Trainer has been nominated for the Chief Announcer position and will handle many of the station's new features. Leo will handle all newscasts and his ability along these lines is well known to all listeners as he gained comment in the continent's leading critic for stage and radio, namely, "Variety."

Lease-Purchase Plan Adopted by Assembly

By PAUL MAARTEN

EDMONTON, April 4th.—A brand new experiment in land settlement is formulated in the amended and consolidated Provincial Lands Act enacted by the Legislative Assembly. The Act sets up, in place of the old homestead system, a lease-purchase plan. The settler leases his "home-

stead" for twenty years with the option to purchase at the end of the tenth year. Payments are on-a-crop share plan ranging from one-fourth to one-sixth, out of which the Government pays the municipality for local improvement, school and other taxes.

This, incidentally, provides the Government with a small scale, working model of the so-called production tax of last session which failed to run the gauntlet of the courts.

Among other claims made by the Government for the new policy is that it will provide the man who wants to farm with a chance to get on the land and close the door against the speculator.

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Current News from Near and Far

The Alberta Legislature prorogued on Monday.

Seats in the Alberta Legislature were reduced by the Redistribution Act from 63 to 57.

Negotiations with Ottawa are to be opened "immediately" by the Provincial Government looking to the extension of the Alberta boundary northward to the Arctic.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Buckley, M.L.A., celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary recently. Mr. Buckley was the U.F.A. representative of Gleichen constituency in the Legislature from 1921 to 1935.

Railway lines will be abandoned this year between Trelle and Morinville (12 miles) and between Carbondale and Egremont, (29 miles), it was decided by the Board of Transport Commissioners at Ottawa.

W. E. Hayes, Social Credit M.L.A. for Stony Plain, died suddenly on Sunday night.

Existence of a monopoly in the sale of radio tubes was reported by R. J. Gaunt, who headed a Provincial Government inquiry. The report stated that prices of Canadian-made radio tubes could be cut 40 per cent and still leave a good profit.

A windstorm on Monday brought down the whole north wall of the brick building put up at Brooks by the National Food Products, assisted by a Provincial Government loan, in 1936. Designed for a cannery, the building has never been used.

Sale of cigarettes at less than one cent each would be disastrous to the tobacco trade, according to evidence of J. Hughes, official of a manufacturing company, before the inquiry into charges of a tobacco combine, now being held in Edmonton.

Appeal has been commenced by the Provincial Government against the judgment of Mr. Justice Shepherd that the legislation was *ultra vires* which cut interest on Alberta bonds in half.

DOMINION

The first of the Czech refugee families to come to Canada are expected to sail this week. They are Social Democrats.

Because a cartoon was judged insulting to King George, Canadian customs authorities banned the American magazine *Ken*.

Net profits of more than \$11,000,000 were shown last year by Aluminum Limited, an increase of 30 per cent over the figure for 1937.

Following the example of Great Britain, France, and the U.S., Canada is recognizing the Franco Government of Spain, it is announced.

Regular passenger service by Trans-Canada Airlines was inaugurated April 1st. The trip from Ottawa to Vancouver was made in 17 hours, 20 minutes.

Black bread was practically the only kind to be obtained in Germany, said the Trail "Smoke-Eaters", world amateur hockey champions, on their return to Canada.

Provided the Provinces agree, a plan to reduce Canadian butter stocks by supplying it to families on relief and to other needy families, is expected to be put in force. The Federal Government will finance it.

Scaling down of mortgages and interest rates on mortgages will be the purpose of new legislation soon to be introduced by the Federal Government, states an Ottawa despatch. The rediscounting of mortgages will be carried on by a new department of the Bank of Canada, the Government sharing the cost with mortgage and insurance companies, it is expected.

George McCullagh, of the Toronto *Globe and Mail*, appeared before the Parliamentary radio committee on Tuesday, to press his charge of discrimination by the C.B.C. in not allowing him to buy time to broadcast over the C.B.C. network last winter. He was offered free time to express his views, provided he would agree to the "other side" being heard.

WORLD

Some 400,000 Spanish Republicans are reported under arrest, following the final capitulation of Madrid and surrounding provinces to General Franco and his Italian and German troops. Numbers have already faced the firing squad.

\$135,000,000 in gold, \$300,000,000 in foreign securities, and a fleet of planes, tanks and other military equipment was part of the loot secured by Hitler in Czechoslovakia. The air fleet numbered 1,500, but it was reported that a large number had been flown out of the country by their Czech pilots, as the Germans marched into the country.

The bullet-proof glass shield from behind which Reichsfuehrer Hitler spoke at Wilhelmshaven on Saturday was to protect him from cold breezes, according to one explanation. About 10,000 crowded the square to hear him speak, but the short-wave broadcast was interrupted after a few minutes. The official explanation was "mechanical difficulties," another being that it was to prevent re-broadcasting by short wave from an American station back to Germany.

Iceland has refused the request of Germany for the right to establish air bases on her territory.

The Chamberlain Government won a by-election in Aberdeenshire last week, with a reduced majority.

U.S. military plans for the next two years include gearing up of aeroplane production to 12,000 a year.

A clash is reported to have taken place on Sunday between Russian and Japanese forces on the Manchukuan border.

An agreement over Far Eastern fishing waters was signed Sunday by representatives of the U.S.S.R. and Japan.

As the price for joining the "Stop Hitler" bloc, Turkey is said to demand the semi-independent district of Alexandretta, in Northern Syria.

Severe fighting was reported southeast of Hankow last week, heavy casualties being reported both in Chinese and Japanese armies.

Wheat acreage in Britain has been increased 50 per cent since 1932, when the Government "pegged" the price of wheat. Net price is \$1.41 per bushel.

James J. Hines, high in Tammany circles for many years, was sentenced to four to eight years in jail for conspiring to shield a numbers lottery racket.

Voluntary enlistment will be depended upon to raise the British Territorial Army to 340,000—double its present force. The regular army is also to be greatly increased.

The familiar charges of ill-treatment of Germans are being made by General Goering's paper in respect of Germans living in the Danish province of Schleswig.

Anti-dumping regulations against German exports, rather than a formal international boycott agreement, was advocated by Lord Stamp, noted English economist.

Italian troops are reported ready for immediate transport to Albania; warning has been issued that Britain will regard any action affecting Albania's independence as a violation of the Anglo-Italian agreement.

Adolf Hitler's Saturday speech inveighed against "encirclement" and the effort of the democracies to interfere with Germany's activities, hinting that the Anglo-German naval agreement might be discarded.

Rumania has signed trade agreements with both France and Germany. The latter, however, gives practically all her import and export trade—particularly of oil—to the Reich. A British trade mission is also being sent to Bucharest.

The British consul at Mosul, G. E. A. C. Monck-Mason, was killed when Arab mobs burned down the consulate, in the belief, it is thought, that the British had been connected with the death of their King, who had lost his life in an automobile accident shortly before.

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FARM BODIES AND BUSINESS JOIN IN STRONG PROTESTS

Ruin for West Foreseen if 60 cent Minimum Set and Board Hamstrung

Ruinous consequences to agriculture in Western Canada, should the proposed bill to set the minimum price of One Northern Wheat, Fort William basis, at 60 cents per bushel be enacted, were foreseen by representatives of farmers' organizations and commercial companies, line elevator interests, implement concerns and distributors. Notice of this bill was given by Hon. W. D. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce, in the House of Commons last week.

U.F.A. Wires Protest

The Executive of the U.F.A., immediately after the announcement, wired Prime Minister King protesting that the proposed legislation would render the Wheat Board of little or no value, necessitating the return of the question to Parliament each year. President Gardiner pointed out that by depriving the Board of power to set a minimum it would be practically destroyed.

"The initial price, now set in the bill is ruinously low, actually about 40 cents to the farmer for Number One, and on last year's spreads as low as 8-1/2 cents," the Executive declared. "If the market drops it will reduce standards of living for Western farmers to the lowest in history, destroy morale of the entire community, increase debt beyond all possibility of settlement, force thousands of farm families on relief and impair the entire business and economic structure of the West and Canada." Retention of the Board with unimpaired powers, and a minimum of not less than 80 cents were called for.

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To Speak in Alberta



Leader of the All-China Student Union, Miss Loh Tsei (above) will speak at the following points in support of the hospital established in support of the International Peace Campaign at Wutaishan, China, under the supervision of Madame Chiang Kai Shek and conducted by two Canadian medical men, Drs. Brown and Norman Bethune: Calgary, Sunday afternoon, April 16th; Grand Theatre; Lethbridge, 16th, evening; Medicine Hat, 17th; Drumheller 18th; Vernon, B.C., 20th.

Declaring the 60 cent minimum would mean virtual ruin of the West, Lew Hutchinson, chairman of the Alberta Wheat Pool, said that even at current market prices, loss of the present minimum would mean taking from \$5 to \$50 million from the Western farmers, and that would have a tremendously adverse effect on the business of the whole Dominion. Mr. Hutchinson expressed the hope that the Government would get plenty of letters from farmers, and added, "I sincerely hope that they will confine themselves to the one main point of a decent price for the man who has a crop. The man who is unfortunate enough not to have one will have to be looked after in some other way."

Urge 80c Minimum Be Retained

Keen disappointment was expressed by President R. S. Law of the United Grain Growers that the minimum proposed should be entirely out of line with the proposal made by the Bracken Committee. Mr. Law pointed out that this committee was representative not only of all branches of the wheat industry, but also of Western interests in general; that it had conducted a most searching inquiry before reaching its conclusions. He very strongly urged that the Government should retain the 80 cent minimum, as the Bracken Committee had recommended should be done.

"Line elevators will lend support in seeking justice for the Western producers at Ottawa," W. E. Robertson of Calgary, president of the Western Grain Dealers' Association, declared. This Alberta organization, he said, had supported the continuing of at least 80 cents under a Wheat Board, as no less than ordinary justice to the producers of Western Canada in these abnormal times. Anything less would be a "desertion of the great unprotected industry of wheat growing." It meant that whatever additional aid might be given to farmers on a relief basis, "Western Canada will be treated as a depressed area and Western farmers as relief recipients."

Cruel Decision

"It is a cruel decision," stated William McG. Rait, Winnipeg, representative of the line elevator companies on the Bracken Committee. "It is incompatible with the Government's knowledge of the situation and with the submission made by the Bracken Committee, and has no redeeming evidence of any intention to assist in reducing materially the farmers' fixed high costs of production, due in part to our high tariff structure." He hoped all business men and their organizations would appreciate the threat to their own welfare, and said that the great need of the West at this time was "strength through unity."

Mind Your Own Business!

Some farmers take a pride in stating that they have succeeded as farmers because they have looked after their own affairs on the farm and have not spent time on community matters. Undoubtedly if any farmer is to make good even in a limited way under present conditions he will have to put in lots of time and hard work on the farm. Other farmers are seeing more clearly than ever that an important part of their business is to keep informed on public affairs that affect farmers' interests. Every intelligent and well-informed farmer knows that freight rates, machinery prices, tariffs, interest, etc., directly affect his income, in fact are only secondary to the question of the returns which the land gives him for his work.

What Does This Mean?

It must mean organization! Alone a farmer can do little to affect public policy and cope with other forces in the economic struggle. In combination with many thousands of his fellow farmers he can become a power in the land.

Are You in the U.F.A.?

The United Farmers of Alberta is increasing in strength. Numbers are joining the organization every week. New locals are being formed. Old locals are stronger than they have been for many years. We need you. You need the U.F.A.

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Interests of

The United Farm Women.

Activities of Farm Women's Locals

Rainier U.F.W.A. recently sent in dues to Central Office for 38 members.

Miss Nellie den Boer is the new secretary of Baintree U.F.W.A.

Iron Creek U.F.W.A., near Viking, held a miscellaneous sale to raise funds for their delegate's expenses.

Warden U.F.W.A. decided to reduce their membership fees to fifty cents, with lunch collections to make up the difference. A paper on T.B. eradication for Alberta cattle was read at the last meeting, writes Mrs. C. H. Ness, secretary.

"If I Were Prime Minister of Canada" was the roll call topic at the last meeting of Conjuring U.F.W.A., and Mrs. Harry Walke writes that the "members expressed themselves quite freely." Two members gave a demonstration on wool craft, and at the close of the meeting presentations were made to two other members who are leaving the district.

(We regret that Mrs. Spencers' letter to Farm Women is unavoidably held over until our next issue.)

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A more or less silent repose
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A mood when our eyes will not close.
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Our weakened defences to taunt.
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To harry and haunt.

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And so with our hair turning grey
Our digits — all quite circumstantial!

We add, multiply, take away.
It's really a worse occupation
Than counting of mythical sheep,
Since rapid—or slow!—calculation
Induces no sleep.

We wonder just why do we struggle?
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The urge to do more worth-while
fighting
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Junior News Items

Lincoln Juniors (Lacombe) are raising funds by selling tickets on a cuckoo clock.

Turnip Lake Junior U.F.A. Local is showing more promise this year than ever, reports Andy Young, Junior Director.

Clairemont Juniors, who entertained Sexsmith Junior Local at a social evening recently, were later the guests of the neighboring Local.

Lyle Domoney, Leslie Oldford and Ola Chisholm are the officers of a new Junior Local organized by Ronald Fraser in the Horn Hill district, near Penhold.

"Resolved that Canada should not participate in any war on foreign soil," was the subject of a debate between Sunnyvale and Hope Valley Junior Locals.

Canada's position in relation to Great Britain and war will be the subject of a debate between Federal Juniors and a team sponsored by the town of Coronation.

U.F.A. JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Farm Young People Sponsor Successful Dramatic Festival

A dramatic festival sponsored by Alix U.F.A. Junior Local, a group of young people who have distinguished themselves before now by their energy and initiative, proved to be a big undertaking successfully carried through. Peggy Wolferstan, the secretary, has written the following report of it:

"One-act plays were presented by the Stanton S.D., the Junior U.F.A., the Girl Guides, the Rebekahs, the Gadsbys Lake girls' club and the Anglican Church. The groups shared expenses and receipts; \$107 was taken in at the door and after expenses were paid each group went home with \$11.

"Three plays were presented each evening, our president, Charlie McDermand, acting as chairman. At the conclusion of the third play each evening our supervisor, Mrs. Cormack, introduced Mrs. Gowan, the adjudicator from Edmonton. Mrs. Gowan's remarks were very interesting and instructive.

"The last play, 'Mrs. Oggbody Obliges' really brought the house down." The role of Mrs. Oggbody, the housekeeper of a poet, was taken by Mrs. Pears, Sr. and no words could describe her performance any better than those of Mrs. Gowan (who by the way had just come from the Provincial Dramatic Festival). She said: 'It is a great pity that George Skillan, adjudicator from England, has come to Canada and will go back to England without seeing Mrs. Pears on the stage.' One would really have to see Mrs. Pears' performance to realize how difficult a task we amateurs have to be even a patch on her.

"Needless to say the prize went to 'Mrs. Oggbody Obliges,' the Juniors coming second. Mrs. Gowan divided the flowers that were presented to her with Mrs. Pears, for her fine performance.

"The general conclusion was, 'Let's have another festival next year!'

Farm Home and Garden

Brown Stone Cake: Sift together 6 tablespoons cocoa, 2 cups sugar, 2-1/2 cups flour, 2 level teaspoons soda, a pinch of salt. Add to 2 cups sour cream in which have been stirred 4 well beaten eggs.

Lamb Stew: 2 lbs. breast of lamb, 2 onions, 2 carrots, 1 turnip, and 2 or 3 potatoes. Cut meat into small pieces, place in saucepan. Cover with water or stock, bring to a boil, add sliced onion and simmer for about 2 hours. Add the other vegetables and cook more rapidly until vegetables are tender. Thicken with flour, add seasonings, and serve with dumplings.

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The National Forum. Sundays, 8 to 8:30 p.m.

The United States. Mondays, 8:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Frankly Speaking. Tuesdays, 8:45 to 9 p.m.

The School and Education. Wednesdays, 7 to 7:30 p.m.

The Art of Crooked Thinking. Thursdays, 5:45 to 6 p.m.

European Commentary. Fridays, 8 to 8:15 p.m.

Book Reviews. Saturdays, 5:45 to 6 p.m.



EVENTS LEADING TO LAWSUIT FOR \$15,000 REVIEWED

Present Situation re E.I.D. Matter
Outlined—Trustees Backed
by Users' Meeting

By PAUL MAARTEN
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)
EDMONTON, April 5th. — The \$15,000 libel action brought by E. L. Gray, leader of the Opposition and of the Liberal party in the Provincial Assembly, and former manager of the Eastern Irrigation District, contains all the elements of a sensational lawsuit. But for the present the defendants in the case, Premier Aberhart and Provincial Secretary Manning, enjoy the immunity which all members of the Legislature enjoy during a session and for twenty days before and after.

Basis of Action

The action arises out of, first, a statement given to the press by Mr. Aberhart and Mr. Low (Provincial Treasurer) simultaneously, which alleged "serious irregularities" in the conduct of the E.I.D.'s business and, second, out of supplementary statements orally by Mr. Aberhart and Mr. Manning from the rostrum of the Edmonton Prophetic Bible Conference in Edmonton and broadcast by radio. The "irregularities" are alleged to have taken place while Mr. Gray was manager, but Mr. Gray, denying them, is suing for \$15,000 damages and an injunction to restrain the said defendants from further publishing the said libels or slanders or any similar libels.

The Premier in his statement took opportunity to deny that the Government has any intention of taking over the E.I.D. project. This deals with the allegation of Calgary's Liberal, Mr. Bowlen, that the Government has its eye on the project's material bank balance.

W. E. Cain, Government member for Bow River, denies advocacy of any such supervision with which *The Edmonton Journal* had credited him. On the contrary, he says, he has advocated the reverse.

Royal Commission Ruled Out

Immediately on publication of the statement and the Conference pronouncements the Liberal party in the Assembly asked for an investigation of E.I.D. affairs by a royal commission. Mr. Aberhart protested innocence of political motive, which Mr.

May Regulate Pipelines and Fix Prices of Oil

EDMONTON, April 4th. — First fruit of the McGillivray royal commission interim report on the Alberta oil industry is two bills passed at the recent session of the Assembly.

One is an act for the regulation of pipelines, and the other an act fixing the prices of petroleum and petroleum products. They are not to be brought into operation until proclaimed and this will not be until the commission has made a final, or at least further report.

The Government merely took the opportunity of the Assembly being in session to enact the bills which need not necessarily become law if the case against them appears tenable.

Creation of a three-man board to administer Alberta drought areas is the purpose of an act passed at the recent session of the Legislature.

Gray, on the other hand, had attributed to him.

But Mr. Speaker ruled that the remedy for an aspersion on a member in his private life must be sought, not in the House, but in the courts. The Liberal party having been thus driven out of the Assembly into the courts, the civil action of Gray vs. Aberhart and Manning followed shortly after.

There has been a deal of controversy about it both in the House and out; perhaps more out than in. But a dispassionate statement would be as follows:

What Auditor Reported

The Premier's first statement did not tell what the alleged "irregularities" consisted of. The word may have conjured up visions of embezzlement and misappropriation, but there has actually been no suggestion of anything of the kind. The Provincial Auditor, it seems, acting under instructions from the Government, did examine the E.I.D. records and accounts, and did report to the Government that the E.I.D. had exceeded, in one or two respects, its authority under its charter. And the Provincial Auditor did report these to the Government, as any auditor would have done, in an interim report and it was after this the Premier issued his statement. This interim report has since been tabled in the House by the Premier who, however, has not tabled the final report which, it is understood, makes no further reference to these matters.

Users Support Trustees

Since then—Friday of last week—a large meeting of the E.I.D. water users gave its support to the suspended trustees, instructing them to apply to the courts for an injunction to prevent any unauthorized person handling E.I.D. funds.

In the meantime, the situation is simply this: that the Government, having, they state, come to the conclusion that "irregularities" had been disclosed, ordered an investigation dismissing the trustees while that investigation is being conducted. After that, states the Government, the water users will have to elect a new board which will appoint a new manager. And there seems to be nothing to prevent their electing the same board, provided they are satisfied with the result of the inquiry.

If the water users of the Eastern Irrigation District desire to have a four or five-man board of trustees instead of the three to which they have been accustomed an amendment to the charter passed in the legislature last week authorizes them to do so. It is for the water users to decide and no one else, the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Mullen) told the House.

While operating expenses were cut by over \$4,600,000, gross operating revenues declined during 1938 by more than \$16,000,000, states the annual report of the C.N.R. Interest charges of well over \$50,000,000 compared with gross revenues of \$182,000,000.

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EDMONTON, April 4th.—Alberta's new coal mining laws, comprised in The Consolidated Mines Act passed at the recent session, is an attempt to reduce the hazards of the miner's calling to a minimum.

STETTLER RALLY

At a U.F.A. rally in Stettler, attended by representatives from ten different districts, it was decided to arrange for a series of meetings around Stettler. The wheat situation was the subject of the addresses.

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Experts agree that the outbreak of this disease is likely to reach its peak in Alberta this summer.

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PROCEDURE

1. Vaccinate all horses with "Chick" vaccine during the month of April.
2. Two doses of vaccine are required, given from seven to fourteen days apart.
3. Vaccine is available at drug stores, municipal offices and from qualified veterinarians. Cost for both doses—75c.
4. A qualified veterinarian, or if one is not available, some other authorized person should be obtained to administer the vaccine.
5. Farmers wishing to do so may vaccinate their own horses.

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World Wheat Situation

Until there is more tangible evidence regarding the prospective outturn of the European and United States winter wheat crops little variation can be looked for in wheat price levels. The only other alternative is the occurrence of a widespread war in Europe.

The winter wheat crop in 21 countries shows a decrease in acreage of about 10-1/2 million. This is largely accounted for by reduced acreage in the United States as 14 European countries show an increase of about one per cent compared with acreage sown for harvest last year. Most of the indicated increase is in Bulgaria, Italy, Germany, Portugal and Yugoslavia. These increases were, however, largely offset by decreased seedings in United Kingdom, France and Roumania.

Europe produced a record breaking crop last year principally because the last six weeks of the growing season were favored with ideal weather conditions. It is hardly likely that this will happen again this year, so Europe's crop will probably be smaller in 1939.

U.S. Acreage Down

The United States spring wheat acreage is estimated at 19,500,000, based on reports of farmers' intentions to plant as gathered by the department of agriculture. This acreage is 17 per cent less than the actual seedings last year and in fact the smallest spring wheat seedings in 14 years, with the exception of 1934. If average yields are obtained the total will be around 200 million bushels. Added to that a winter wheat production of 500 million bushels will give a grand total of United States wheat production of 700 million bushels.

The United States crop last year totalled 940 million bushels and domestic requirements took 700 million. The carryover from the previous year was 150 million.

Carryover Still Huge

With lessened world wheat production, the international situation will be relieved somewhat of the tension now prevailing. However, the huge carryover which is certain to develop will have to be disposed of in some way before anything like a balance is restored.

Western Canada will soon be in the thick of seeing. No indications are as yet available as to the extent of the acreage. Prospects are for the maintenance of acreage in Alberta on a par with last year. There is no reason to think there will be any substantial decrease in wheat acreage in Saskatchewan.

Sign Petition From the "Leader"

At a farmers' meeting in Millet attended by about a hundred farmers, and addressed by Lew Hutchinson, chairman of the Alberta Wheat Pool, H. E. Spencer of the U.F.A. Executive, and Mr. Speers of the U.G.G. board, the petition printed in the *Leader* was signed by all farmers present and most of the business people of the town, reports Mrs. T. H. Howes, of Millet, secretary of Hillside U.F.A.

About a hundred signatures were secured for the petition, and forwarded to Ottawa, at the dairy pool meeting in Wetaskiwin, writes William Runte.

Charles Bull, Calgary; Roy Ballhorn, Wetaskiwin; E. J. C. Boake, Acme; and E. L. Richardson, are the officers of the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association this year.

The average price for baby beef and fat stock auctioned at the Calgary Spring Shows was 10.5 cents per pound compared with just over 8 cents last year.

Hughes Bros., High River, won the championship in baby beef classes at the Calgary Spring Stock Show, and Thos. Henderson, Lacombe, the reserve championship.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, April 4th.—The cattle market has been rather slow; good to choice butcher steers \$6.35 to \$7, common to medium \$5.50 to \$6.25; good to choice heifers \$5.75 to \$6.50; common to medium \$4.50 to \$5.50; medium to good fed calves \$5.50 to \$6.50; good cows \$4 to \$4.50; good bulls \$4 to \$4.25; good to choice veal calves \$6.50 to \$7.50. Good stocker and feeder steers sold at \$4.50 to \$5.50. Hogs are lower with selects \$8.60, bacons \$8.10 and butchers \$7.10 off trucks.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, April 4th.—The market has been somewhat inactive. Good to choice fed calves are \$6 to \$6.75; good to choice steers \$6 to \$6.50, common to medium \$4.50 to \$5.50; good to choice heifers \$5.50 to \$6, common to medium \$4 to \$5.50; good cows \$3.75 to \$4; cappers and cutters \$2.50 down; bulls \$3 to \$4. Stockers and feeders continued steady with better kinds from \$4 to \$5; choice lightweight calves from \$6.50 to \$7. Hogs were steady with selects \$8.50, bacons \$8 and butchers \$7 off trucks.

Dairy Market

There has been very little trading on the butter market and prices are a little lower with Montreal being quoted at 21, Troonto 21-1/2, and Winnipeg 20. The British market for New Zealand butter is down to 114 shillings. Exports for the week ending March 18th totalled 7,701 boxes and for the week ending March 25th, 2,413 boxes, bringing the total for the month of March to 25,153. Local prices are unchanged with first grade prints at 23s and special grade butterfat 17s.

Farmers Are Warned to Have Horses Vaccinated in April

To prevent an outbreak of sleeping sickness in horses on a large scale this season, all Alberta horse owners are strongly urged by the Alberta Department of Agriculture to vaccinate their horses during April with "Chick" vaccine. Necessary information will be furnished on request by the Provincial Veterinarian, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton. Warning is given against quacks.

Vaccine properly administered assures protection for six months against sleeping sickness in horses, one of the most serious horse diseases that has ever appeared in Western Canada.

Two doses should be given, to ensure complete protection, from seven to fourteen days apart, during April. This will provide immunity until fall.

Where Available

Vaccine will be available at drug stores, municipal offices and from registered veterinarians in the Province. A qualified veterinarian will administer the vaccine, but in districts where such is not available some other authorized person will receive special instructions.

Mares in foal may be vaccinated with safety if proper care is used. Young foals are very susceptible and should be vaccinated when two or three days old, if normal at the time, with one-quarter of dose for adult horse.

We regret to record the sudden death on March 23rd of Donald MacDonald, secretary, Lanfine U.F.A. Local, prominent in all community activity.

After allowing over eight and a half millions for depreciation, International Nickel of Canada made a net profit in 1938 of over \$32,000,000.

Approximately half the Canadians of 70 years of age and over are in receipt of old age pensions.

American co-operatives who are exporting oil are making no shipments to dictator countries.

Annual Meeting of Northern Dairy Pool Hears Good Reports

Year of Expansion and Progress—
Aggregate Sales Total
\$1,423,132

Aggregate sales during the year of \$1,423,132; increased sales in every department; and a total of 4,259,339 pounds of butter marketed, were reported to the annual meeting of the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool recently.

From a small start in a rented building in 1928, said the directors' report presented by J. McK. Hughes, of Flatbush, the organization had grown until today it operates six modern creameries, a cheese plant, two fluid milk plants, and in its main plant in Edmonton, manufacturing ice cream and handling and marketing poultry and eggs. Mr. Hughes reminded the delegates that all these facilities, under the co-operative set-up of the organization, were owned by the producers themselves and had been acquired through co-operative effort. In concluding his report, Mr. Hughes said that the co-operative movement was growing steadily and hastening the day when producers would enjoy a higher standard of living.

New Plants Built

The activities of the organization had been extended during 1938, said C. E. Christensen, general manager, and each branch strengthened. He referred to the sound position of the Pool, and to the new plants that had been constructed at Andrew and Sedgewick.

Reviewing the butter situation, Mr. Christensen said that there was considerable butter in storage in Canada, and that while domestic consumption was considered generally satisfactory it was doubtful whether it would be sufficient to take care of current production and overtake the surplus stocks; and for this reason it was apparent that prices would continue on an export basis for a time.

Want Producer Controlled Board

Through the Canadian Dairy Farmers' Federation, the organization had asked the Federal Government for a producer-controlled export board to handle the exporting of surplus butter. Later, the meeting passed a resolution supporting this stand.

In its eleven years of operation, Mr. Christensen concluded, the organization had kept before it the object of performing a service both to producer and consumer, in giving the best in quality products to the consumer, and returning the entire proceeds of the producer's products to him.

Resolutions passed included one asking Provincial Governments who had not already done so to set up marketing legislation similar to the B.C. Natural Products Marketing Act; and another asking the Federal Government to increase the amount of Canadian currency in proportion to the increase in total production of dairy products.

Speakers at the banquet, which followed the business sessions, were

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The Western Farm Leader LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By Hon. J. E. BROWNLEE,
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Replies to Enquiries

Would Have to Get Permit

Anon.—The holder of a mortgage would have to apply to the Debt Adjustment Board for a permit before commencing foreclosure proceedings. As the mortgage is but slightly in arrears, I feel confident he would not secure a permit. In any event, in view of the excessive rate of interest the mortgagee has heretofore carried, the mortgagee would be obliged to make a substantial reduction in his claim before the Board would grant him any assistance. I think it would be to your advantage if the mortgagee made such an application. You can safely ignore his threats.

Canont Force Division

P.S.—Your wife cannot force you to divide property so as to give her one-half. If she has proper grounds, she might sue for legal separation and obtain an order for alimony, the amount of which would depend on what the Court feels is your ability to pay. She cannot take the children without the Court's consent. The Court will consider the interest of the children primarily and leave them with that parent best able to look after their welfare. The children are of an age when their own wishes would be considered and the Court would probably question them independently to ascertain their preference. The usual ground for legal separation is cruelty, which is interpreted to include any course of action which in the opinion of the Court is grossly insulting and intolerable or is of such a character that the person seeking the separation could not reasonably be expected to be willing to live with the other after he or she had been guilty of same.

May Be Registered a "Joint Tenants"

L.J.—By transfer properly drawn, the husband and wife may be registered as "joint tenants and not as tenants in common." In this case if either party dies the other, by filing proof of death in simple form, may become the registered owner of the land without the necessity of making out letters probate or letter of administration, unless of course there is other property which makes such action necessary.

Administrator Might Have Right

A.R.W.—The answer to your question involves consideration of whether "A" has property over and above his legal exemptions and also whether by the Statute of Limitations a possible claim would be outlawed. Subject to the above, the administrator of the estate of the mentally incompetent might have a right of action for the return of the money. Other relatives,

Hon. D. B. Mullen and Rabbi Eisen, who spoke on his recent trip to China, W. D. King, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, and D. H. McCallum, Dairy Commissioner. Trophies for the largest butterfat shipments were presented by J. Russell Love to J. F. Berlinguette of Owlsye, W. Armitage of Sedgewick and Adam Kaiser of Wetaskiwin.

End Personal Covenant

EDMONTON, April 4th. — An amendment to The Judicature Act passed at the recent session of the Alberta Legislature provides for elimination of the personal covenant in mortgages and agreements for sale of land. The Minister (Mr. Maynard) told the House it would apply to present as well as future agreements.

It means that a purchaser who had paid part of the purchase price cannot lose more than the property if he is unable to pay the balance.

SPORT

The Stanley Cup this year will rest either in Toronto or Boston, for the National hockey struggle is now a matter for the Maple Leafs and Bruins to finish. At present odds are about even and there are all indications of a real war, but having boosted Boston all season I'll stick my neck out and pick the Bruins to take home the jewellery.

Every season the play-offs seem to

excepting children, would have no claim. The husband is legally liable for certain charges for the maintenance of the wife if she is an inmate of a mental institution.

Doubtful if Ever British Subject

H.B.—From your letter I question if the woman is or ever has been a British subject. Subsection 5 of Section 13 of the Naturalization Act reads as follows:

"(5) Where a certificate of naturalization is granted to an alien his wife, if not already a British subject, shall not be deemed to be a British subject unless within six months after the date of that certificate, or in special circumstances with the consent of the Minister within any longer period than six months, she makes a declaration that she desires to acquire British nationality and upon the making of such declaration she shall be deemed to be a British subject."

give some players a chance to make the Hockey Hall of Fame, and so far this year Mel Hill, Boston youngster who in the Detroit-Boston series bagged the winning counter in three games, and Gordon Drillon, Maple Leaf star, have space reserved in the Honor Room.

Port Arthur Bearcats have a slight lead in the Western Canada Amateur Hockey play-offs over their sparring partners, the Kimberley Dynamiters. One of these teams is scheduled to meet either the Montreal Royals or the Toronto Goodyears for possession of the Allan Cup. These Eastern boys, from all reports we Westerners hear, are unexcelled masters of this fine game of puck snaring—in fact they seem to be super-men. Royals' trouncing from the Goodyears in the first game of their play-off series, was their first loss in 18 games, and the Goodyears' set-back by the Royals in the second game of the series, was their first of the season! Maybe these "rumors" of the East's wonder teams aren't rumors at all and if not, it looks like the Western club had better get in a supply of rabbits' feet and horse shoes, etc.

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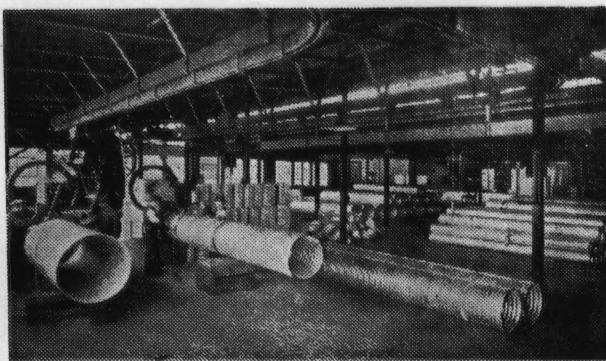
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LEADERS' ALLOWANCES

EDMONTON, April 5th. — Too late to be of any effect in the recent session Mr. Ash (Olds), who, in the now distant day when estimates first appeared at the session, was a lone advocate of deleting the \$1,200 allowance for the Conservative leader (Mr. Duggan), has found some supporters. Early last week Mr. Foster (Didsbury) moved to delete the whole item of \$2,400 for party leaders' allowances. That is twice as far as Mr. Ash had proposed going. But Mr.

Foster was too late. The item had already passed a week or so before that. And now the whole estimates have been passed. So has the appropriation bill. So we shall hear no more of it till 1940 anyway.

An illustrated lecture on a trip through England and Scotland, by Donald Cameron of the Department of Extension of the University, and a talk by Dr. Carson on British Israelism were enjoyed during recent weeks by Berrywater U.F.A. (Vulcan).

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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY



Hello, Folks!

Postcard from Gloomy Gus intimates that too many honeymooners spend their wedding trip on the sands and the rest of the time on the rocks.

Orchids to the publishers of this great family journal and to the U.F.A., for the staunch fight they are putting up to maintain Eighty Cent wheat and a Wheat Board that will function. Yep, and a whole bouquet of sweet smelling violets to the farmers of Alberta for rallying to their support. Although Spring is here we understand that Ottawa is being "snowed" under with protests.

The other P.M., The Henderson Secretarial School, put on a real movie show as an aid to its students. Unfortunately it was too dark for this column to see who was holding hands with whom.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

No matter what kind of car you own, you can't set the world on fire by burning up the road.

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied, that it takes a busy man really to appreciate a vacation.

Tut, tut, the Sporting Editor had his column cut last issue. Keep it up, old top, and you'll soon be in our own class. Let's gang up on the Editor!

(Sorry, Syd, and the S.E., but you're not the only ones. It's all done in a good cause: to find space for some part of the flood of letters the *Leader* has received. These are from farmers who have let us know they have written the Ottawa Government to urge the continuation of an effective Wheat Board with a minimum pegged price for One Northern Wheat of not less than 80 cents, Fort William basis. We know you both, and the other contributors who have to be cut, want the farmers to win their fight.—Ed.)

TODAY'S GREAT THOUGHT

The man pulling on the oars hasn't time to spend in rocking the boat.

—Thenx to Knotty Frankie.

LOOKING BACKWARD

*Autumn is quietly dying tonight,
The soft dead mists are closing round,
The leaves are blown from the boughs of the trees,
The flowers are gone and the birds and the bees—
Autumn has drunk her cup to the lees—
Her murderer comes from the polar seas,
From ice-locked strait and sound.
The cold grey hours creep slowly along,
The wind from the east blows keen and shrill
With flurries of snow and gusts of sleet,
Making for Autumn a winding sheet—
We'll cover her face so dear and sweet,
And lay her where Spring and Summer meet
On the face of the darkening hill.*

—Jessie Sinclair, Calgary.

Lil Goldilocks, our office vamp, insists that a woman can't be judged by the company she is forced to entertain.

Often a kiss in the dark turns out to be a light affair.

And Crusty Bill insists that everything is fair in love—except a blonde.

BRIGHT OOZE FOR TOMORROW
A man is a fool who gets stooped from bowing to the inevitable.

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT
Dear Musty: I'll bet you can't tell us why a gal always closes her eyes when she is being kissed.—Dorothy Jordan.

That's easy, Dot. It's because she can then vision what the other fellow she wishes was kissing her looks like instead of the one who was kissing her then. Then again, it is just possible that she is trying to live up to the old saying that love is blind.

Here's a nice bouquet of roses to our old colleagues of Vancouver for joining the Newspaper Guild. Their action eventually will mean a heck of a lot to Canadian newspapermen as a whole.

CAN I DEPEND ON YOU?

To Present English Farce

"The Private Secretary," to be presented by the New Theatre, Calgary, on April 18th and 19th, in the Western Canada High School auditorium, is a classic English farce, which has been several times revived with undiminished popularity. These players and their director received high praise for their production last year from the *Calgary Herald*, which remarked, "It is seldom two amateur performances prove so satisfying as these productions of the New Theatre."

What's Doing ? at CFAC

Now that "it seems to be spring," we are always in the mood for anything which smacks of the great outdoors, and one reason why we personally feel very gratified at the return to the air of Pinto Pete and his gang of musical "beef-chasers." There is something about the music of that happy-go-lucky outfit which helps to dispel the cobwebs which have been collecting in this dusty old mind all winter.

In case you haven't heard the boys do their stuff in their new series, listen in to CFAC from 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. over CFAC any weekday, and you'll understand what we mean. Pinto Pete's homely philosophy, and gay melodies of the Western range are skilfully combined to make a bright, cheerful quarter-hour of entertainment which we're pretty sure will appeal to you.

Now heard every Tuesday over CFAC from the NBC-CBC networks, "Fibber McGee and Company" bids fair to becoming a really popular feature with Alberta listeners. This variety show, which has claimed great success across the line, now brings to Canadian listeners the verbal antics of Fibber McGee, top-ranking comedian, and Jim Jordan; the lovely voice of Donald Novis, famous tenor; with Billy Mills and his orchestra to supply the accompaniments and musical selections. The program is now heard over CFAC every Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

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PICTURES OF CURRENT NEWS INTEREST

As Efforts Began to Build "Stop Hitler" Bloc

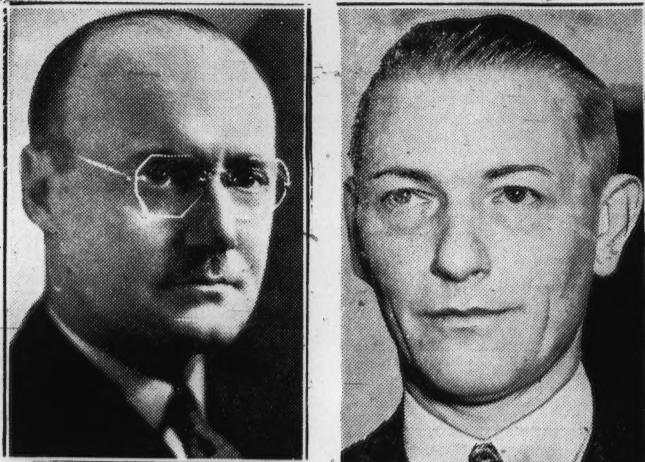


The beginning of the efforts of Britain and France to build up a bloc of states to stop Hitler's aggression coincided with the visit to London of

President Lebrun of France, and Madame Lebrun. Above, they are shown in the royal box in Covent Garden. Left to right, are the Earl of Athlone,

Queen Mary, Princess Royal, President Lebrun, Lady Ramsay (Princess Patricia), Queen Elizabeth, King George and Mme. Lebrun.

Czech Consul Still in Possession



Captain H. H. Van Wart, left, Czechoslovakian consul in Toronto, has declared that he will retain possession of the consulate until he receives instructions from the "rightful government" of his country to give it up; German Consul Carl G. Kropp, right, says he can keep it "forever," if he pays for it. It has been hinted that a provisional government might be kept up in one of the embassies (including the Washington embassy) still in the hands of representatives of the former Benes administration. Dr. Benes himself, speaking in Cleveland on Sunday, did not suggest this course, but declared that re-establishment of his country was certain.

The Corridor Hitler Would Grab



Efforts of Great Britain to build up a belated "Stop Hitler" front it is hoped may halt Nazi aggression in north-eastern Europe. Prime Minister Chamberlain announced last Friday that Great Britain and France would support Poland against action threatening her independence. Hitler has asked Poland for cession of Danzig, and the right to build military roads across the "Polish Corridor," (see map above) taken from Germany by the Treaty of Versailles to give Poland an outlet to the sea; and in return offered to respect Poland's frontiers. These demands have been accompanied by the usual campaign of stories of ill-treatment of Germans in Poland. Britain is asking support of the U.S.S.R. for the anti-aggression bloc, and the traditional enmity between Russia and Poland complicates the situation. However, in compliance with the Russian-Polish trade treaty recently completed, heavy shipments of raw materials for munitions began to move into Poland this week. Colonel Beck, Polish foreign minister, who visits London this week, is said to have stated that Poland would consider herself morally bound to reciprocate Britain's guarantee; and he may ask for a British loan to buy arms.

Meanwhile, Mr. Chamberlain has extended the scope of his anti-aggression program to include "other countries," presumably Rumania, whose foreign minister is to visit London and Paris shortly.

The port of Gdynia, made by the Poles (also shown on the map), might serve as an outlet in place of Danzig.

Memel (also shown) was given up by Lithuania to Hitler after threats of aerial bombardment of their capital, Kaunas.